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FERGUSON OUT OF PEN

Convict Poet and Magazine Writer Is Paroled

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Alfred Ferguson, convict poet and magazine writer, who left the penitentiary today on parole, owes his liberty to some extent to the fact that while in prison he conducted a school for illiterate prisoners. More than one convict who entered the prison, unable either to read or write, left it with a fair education because of Ferguson's efforts. This gained for Ferguson the aid of the penitentiary officials.

It is said Ferguson is a member of an excellent Kentucky family. He gave his age at 24 when he entered the penitentiary Jan. 22, 1906, under ten-year sentence for robbery, from Kansas City.

Ferguson from his cell kept up correspondence with several publications and wrote much verse. He is paroled to William Marion Reedy, St. Louis editor, who published some of Ferguson's poems and at every opportunity pleaded for clemency for him. The parole requires Ferguson to abstain from the use of intoxicants.

WIRELESS CONTROL

Of Any Form of Vessel in Water or Air

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 15.—John Hays Hammond, Jr., son of the well-known engineer and a recent graduate of Yale, has successfully completed a series of experiments with an apparatus for the wireless control of a marine torpedo. The device is expected to prove of wide usefulness in time of war, enabling a shore station to guide and fire powerful torpedoes at ranges of from one to seven miles.

The experiments were conducted at the Hammond country place, near Gloucester, Mass. Young Hammond has patents pending for his invention, the claim being for control of any form of vessel in water or air.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Oregon Woman Wanted a Man to Marry Her.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Edna Robinson, 32 years old, 926 1-2 Ankenick street, Portland, Ore., is charged with an attempt to commit suicide, in her room at the La Salle hotel early today, by shooting herself over the heart.

The woman was wounded while engaged in a conversation over the telephone with Frank B. Cockrell of St. Louis, who was a guest at another hotel and who heard the shot and gave the alarm.

Mrs. Robinson was taken to the North Chicago hospital, where her condition is said to be serious.

Mrs. Robinson had been a guest of the hotel since December 3. She was out last evening and did not return until an early hour this morning. The hotel detective and clerk went to the room when they heard a revolver shot, found Mrs. Robinson standing near the bed with blood flowing from a bullet wound near the heart. She attempted to pick up the revolver which was lying on the floor as the attacks of the hotel entered.

"I tried to kill myself, but I made a bad job of it," she said.

Cockrell reached the hotel a few minutes after the shot was fired. He is a traveling salesman and registered from St. Louis. Later the woman said she attempted to kill herself because Cockrell refused to marry her.

After the woman had been taken to a hospital, Cockrell could not be found by detectives who wished to question him.

GREAT WAR INEVITABLE

England and Germany Will Be Fighting Within Six Years

New York, Dec. 15.—John Norton Griffiths, conservative member of parliament for Wensbury, said that within the next six years England and Germany will be at war and all of Europe will feel the effects of the conflict. He made this prophecy without qualification, following his arrival in New York from the Canadian Northwest in saying it, he gave what he believed to be the reason for Canada's refusal to accept reciprocity at the recent election.

"The people of Canada," said Mr. Griffiths, "realized in their election a far greater question than trade comity with the United States confronted them and that the problem was the problem of the bringing together of the empire in a unity to confront the menace of a war which would mean the destruction of the existence of the mother nation."

"I believe there is no doubt," he continued, "that within six years—maybe much sooner—England and Germany will be at war and all Europe will be shaken by the conflict. Yes, and America, too, for America could not help but feel the effects of so great a conflict as that which will assuredly be. Why do I think this? Because the whole German nation is seeking a war with us at every turn of the road, and when a whole nation is behind a thing like this, there is no stopping it. The bankers stopped at the time of the recent crisis but war was very near and the bankers cannot always stand in the way of a whole people."

TRAGEDY IN A FAMILY

Father Shoots His Son and Then Kills Himself

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Samuel P. Ayres of Boston, shot and probably fatally wounded his son at a hotel early today and then committed suicide.

The Ayres have been here about three months. The elder man lost his wife some time ago and remarked yesterday to a chance acquaintance in a barber shop that he had nothing now to live for and wished to die.

Joseph Ayres, the son, was shot in the back of the head. The bullet penetrated his brain, but surgeons at the receiving hospital, where he was, said he had a slight chance of recovery.

The double tragedy occurred at 6:30 o'clock this morning. Father and son occupied adjoining rooms. It is supposed that the elder man entered his son's room and, after firing a bullet into the latter's head, hurried back to his own apartment and committed suicide. The bullet entered his mouth and almost tore the top of his head off.

Soon after coming to California, Samuel Ayres purchased a ranch at Beaumont, a town up in the mountains near Riverside.

Apparently the family was well-to-do. Passbooks showed comfortable deposits in several banks. Samuel Ayres was about 50 years old, the son about 20.

Joseph Ayres has been unconscious since the shooting.

BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

Photographs of the Structures Dynamited by Conspirators

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—Bundles of photographs, showing how bridges, viaducts, derricks and buildings had been wrecked by dynamite and nitroglycerine, were taken before the federal grand jury today. They were part of the evidence in the government's investigation of the dynamite conspiracy and were gathered by J. A. G. Bader, a detective employed by the National Erectors' association.

Bader investigated more than 100 explosions beginning with one at Millers Falls, Mass., in 1905, and continuing down until October 16, 1911, when dynamite was used on a bridge near Santa Barbara, Cal., just before President Taft's special train passed. Bader investigated the operations of Orville McManigal who went out from the headquarters of the Iron Workers union to do the job.

Special attention was given to the plan of John J. McNamara, secretary-treasurer of the Iron Workers, to have explosions occur simultaneously in far scattered places.

This evidence was presented by Bader as showing the persons other than those already known were implicated in the dynamiting.

RUSSIA IS RESENTFUL

Makes a Threat to Sever Friendly Relations With Uncle Sam

Washington, Dec. 15.—What in diplomatic language is interpreted here as practically a threat by Russia to sever all friendly relations with the United States, in the event that congress goes ahead with its plan to abrogate the treaty of 1822 with that country, has been made to President Taft and Secretary of State Knox by the Russian ambassador, George Bakmeteff.

Mr. Bakmeteff protested against the Sulzer resolution for the abrogation of the treaty on the ground that its final adoption would be inconsistent with the long friendship that has existed between the United States and Russia. While neither the President nor Secretary Knox was alarmed over the turn of affairs, it was said at the White House, that a determined effort would be made by senate leaders to modify the Sulzer resolution.

Owing to the reluctance of all concerned in the negotiations, it was impossible to learn the exact nature of the protest. It is believed, however, to have been directed principally against the language of the Sulzer resolution, which boldly declares that Russia had violated the term of the treaty of 1822.

When informed of this, Mr. Sulzer, chairman of the house committee on foreign relations, said that he saw nothing insulting to "sensitive Russia" in his resolution and believed it would go through the senate without modification.

Action on the Russian treaty is scheduled in the senate for Monday next, but it was indicated that consideration of the subject might be delayed. Meantime diplomatic negotiations are both being continued with Russia.

The Russian protest was made last night. Later the Ambassador and Secretary Knox called at the White House and took the matter up with the President in a lengthy conference. Today the secretary of state and the President considered the matter at length and it was not until this conference was ended that the matter became public. It was from Senators who visited the White House that Mr. Taft learned that an effort would be made to modify in the senate the Sulzer resolution as it came from the house.

Following the conference between Secretary Knox and the President, the Russian ambassador called at the state department and was closeted for some time with the secretary. Both denied that the situation was at all serious but would not discuss the details of their conference or of the call at the White House.

ORIGINALITY REPPRESSED

In England's System of Education—New Combustion Motor

London, Dec. 6.—With the flat racing season at an end, sporting men are discussing the usual array of statistics published by the papers. In the list of winning jockeys, Danny Maher, the American rider, is third with five wins under the whip, and second in percentage.

For the preceding seven years Maher has been first in percentage, although in winning mounts he was second to Wootton in 1909 and 1910. For the first time since 1903 Maher has failed to ride 100 winners, the number this season being one short of the century mark. Since 1900, when he made his first appearance on an English course, Maher has ridden 1,137 winners, an average of 99 a year. Wootton in six years has ridden 673 winners, an average of 112 a year. Wootton had by far his most successful year this season, having been up on 187 winners out of 745 mounts.

The taking on of weight may relieve Maher of his greatest rival, as it is said that on this account Wootton may not be able to ride more than one more season. In order to insure even this brief extension of his racing season he will be compelled to spend the winter in India, where he will get sufficient work to keep him down to weight. Maher also finds it increasingly difficult to keep to weight. To avoid taking on fat he will spend the winter hunting.

It was clear many weeks ago that Earl Derby, senior steward of the Jockey club, would head the list of winning owners. His aggregate of \$215,000 is nearly double the amount which placed him second to Mr. Fairlie last year. No owner has had such a sum to his credit since 1896, when Leopold de Rothschild topped the list with a total of \$231,500. Two horses, Steadfast and Stryford, won most of Lord Derby's money for him.

That millions are wasted under the present system of education in Great Britain was the startling statement recently made by Sir John Gorst, formerly vice president for education. This has added fuel to the fire of criticism to which the plan for universal education has been exposed since its inception.

Sir John said among other things: "The majority of those who care for the welfare of the people and are experts in education consider that the greater part of this money under the present system is wasted and might as well be thrown into the sea. Physical growth of the children of the nation is, except in the more advanced of our great cities, insufficiently provided for. A starve and stunted race is being allowed to grow up as a legacy for the next generation to deal with, for in most elementary schools, children are only drilled, not educated."

"Originality of teacher and children is sternly repressed. The new education," he said, "has been introduced into the schools of Bavaria and spreading over Germany and elsewhere, is only partially known in British and Irish schools. The higher and university schools are still fettered by medieval systems, which make the acquisition of learning to be produced at examinations the main work of students."

With the incoming of the new minister of education, Sir John proposes a radical revolution in the manner

WORLD'S MARKETS

Kansas City Livestock.
Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 200, including no southern. Market steady. Native steers, \$5.25 to \$5.75; southern steers, \$4.50 to \$5.00; southern cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; native cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$3.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.75 to \$4.00; bulls, \$3.40 to \$3.90; calves, \$4.50 to \$5.00; western steers, \$4.50 to \$5.00; western cows, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000, market steady. Bulk of sales, \$5.70 to \$6.25; heavy, \$6.15 to \$6.30; packers and butchers, \$5.75 to \$5.90; lights, \$5.60 to \$5.75; pigs, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Sheep—Receipts, none. Market steady. Muttons, \$3.00 to \$3.50; lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00; range wethers and yearlings, \$3.40 to \$3.90; range ewes, \$2.25 to \$3.00.

OGDEN WHOLESALE PRODUCE

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 15.—Butter—Creamery, extra in cartons, \$5.25; creamery, firsts, 34c; cooking, 25c; ranch, 20c.

Cheese—Eastern, 15 1-2; Utah, 16; Utah mild, 15 1-2; Y. A., 17.

Eggs—Per case of 30 doz, \$7.50.

Sugar—Cane, \$6.80; beet, \$6.50.

New York Money.
New York, Dec. 15.—Money on call, nominal. Time loans, first, 60 days, 1-4 per cent; 90 days, 1-4 per cent; 1-4 per cent; 1-4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1-4 to 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 433 for 60-day bills and at 436 3/4 for demand.

Commercial bills, 462 1-4.

Bar silver, 55 1-4.

Mexican dollars, 46.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds firm.

ENGLISH YOUTH INHERITS MILLION

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A million American dollars will be sent to England next month and handed over to an English youth who became 21 years old on October 22. He is Archibald Sinclair, a scion of the Life Guards. The money comes from the estate of his mother, who was Mabel Sands, toasted in London as the "Beautiful American" ago as "The Beautiful American."

The fund which will go now to young Sinclair amounted to only \$500,000 when it was set aside in care of an American trustee at the time of his mother's death nearly twenty years ago. Careful handling has doubled the amount, besides furnishing an annual allowance of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the support of the boy.

Young Sinclair will succeed to a baronetcy and one of the most valuable estates in Scotland upon the death of his grandfather, Sir Tolemache, who is 87. More than 100 square miles are included in the estate. Sir Tolemache is eccentric. Though he owns vast wealth and a dozen castles and country seats, he lives in a bare suite of rooms off St. James street, London, and lives on herrings and hominy.

"PLUMBING TRUST" SUBMITS TO ORDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A tentative agreement contemplating the dissolution of the so-called "plumbing trust," has been reached between the department of justice and counsel for the Pacific Coast Plumbers' association. The ultimate outcome depends upon the attitude of the officers of the association to whom the plan, which is in the nature of a compromise, will be submitted. It is proposed that the association submit to a civil suit of dissolution based on terms outlined by the government. In consideration of this the department of justice would terminate the grand jury investigation now being conducted at Los Angeles.

LETTERS WRITTEN TO MRS. HARRIMAN

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. E. H. Harriman has received 5,000 letters asking help, since the death of her husband two years ago.

A tabulation shows that the amount asked by the writers reaches a total of \$120,000,000. The fortune left Mrs. Harriman by her husband amounted to \$14,000,000.

She has turned the letters over to the bureau of municipal research in the hope that through them statistics may be collected showing needs for charity.

Some of the requests have been granted and others are being investigated.

STRIKING JURY RETURNS VERDICT

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The "striking jury" in Judge E. Withrow's case announced today a verdict for the plaintiff in the McDermott will case, contrary to the instructions of the judge, delivered four days ago.

The court announced, however, that on the motion of either side, the verdict would be set aside.

A slight change in the judge's language in sending the jury back to deliberate today opened the way for a verdict.

"The judge had kept asking us if we had signed the verdict," said Foreman C. H. Hartmann.

"He told us to go back and deliberate until we reached a verdict. We did."

Mrs. Mary Farrington sued Rev. Father John White, executor of the estate of her mother, Bridget McDermott, charging that he exercised undue influence over Mrs. McDermott. The court held that insufficient evidence had been introduced by the plaintiff and directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. The twelve men refused to do, saying they "would stand on their rights as American citizens."

The jury handed the following verdict to Judge Withrow today:

"We, the jury, find in favor of the plaintiff for the reason that, from the circumstantial evidence of witnesses, we believe there was undue influence exerted over Bridget McDermott prior to and at the time she executed the testimony in question, and it was not her last will and testament."

The judge sent for law books and, with the foreman of the jury, looked at them and said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, although your verdict is in violation of the orders of this court, upon the rulings of the supreme court it becomes my duty to accept it. Upon the motion of either party—the plaintiff or the defendant—the verdict will be set aside and a new trial ordered. The jury is discharged."

KITTEN HOLDS UP A TRAIN

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—A half-starved kitten held up a fast passenger train five minutes at the Union station here last night.

The train was a special, eastbound with a load of foreigners, going home for the holidays. Just as the train was ready to pull out of the station and the conductor was signaling the engineer, the dirty kitten with shifting eyes darted under the train. After catching the train signal, the conductor caught the cat and threw it into a coach window.

"There's a mascot for you," he shouted to the passengers.

Some one must have understood, for there was a quick rush to obtain the cat. Realizing that the animal must be hungry, a score of passengers jumped off the train and hurried to a lunch counter in the station to buy food for it. Meanwhile the conductor waited. When the passengers had fed the cat, the train pulled out.

In Bavaria women work on the railroads as section hands.

SIX INTERLOCUTORY DECREES GRANTED

Salt Lake, Dec. 15.—Six interlocutory decrees of divorce were granted by Judge C. W. Moore at the weekly divorce matinee Friday, and one interlocutory decree heretofore granted was set aside, the couple having made up their minds to again try married life together.

Jennie B. Morgan was granted a decree from Fred D. Morgan, Emma L. Rollins from Charles L. Rollins, Violet Short from Ralph Short, and Josephine Jones from Thomas Jones. Josephine Jones was given a decree of divorce from Earl Ross Keeley and Herman E. Clark from Elizabeth A. S. Clark.

The decrees of divorce obtained by Esther E. Crockett several weeks ago against Lord Crockett was set aside and the case dismissed upon motion of the attorney for the plaintiff.

DANNY MAHER IS NOT CHAMPION

New York, Dec. 15.—The official list of this year's winning owners on the English turf has just been received here. King George heads the list by courtesy, but his triumphs were few and unimportant and interesting only in that they mark a fresh area of royal support of the British national sport. Lord Derby, after a close fight with J. B. Saxe, forged ahead near the close of the season, and his \$215,000 is the highest total recorded in many years. Joel comes next with \$175,000, while Mr. Fairlie, who headed the list in 1910 with \$175,000, goes down to about one-quarter of that amount.

Among the American owners, James R. Keene leads with \$28,000, while Harry Payne Whitney has \$25,000 to his credit. This is a big drop from last year when his winnings totalled about \$70,000. Sunrize, with 16 winners and \$165,000 in money, leads the winning sires. Danny Maher, the American rider, loses the riding championship after an unbroken tenure since 1904 and, for the first time also in this period, he misses his hundred mounts, reaching ninety-nine. Frank heads the jockeys, riding 167 winners out of 747 mounts.

THIRTY SHOT IN MISTAKE FOR DEER

Boston, Dec. 15.—Thirty human lives were lost in New England and four in the Canadian province of New Brunswick as a direct result of the hunting season which ended at midnight. Of the victims five were shot in mistake for deer; 12 were killed by the accidental discharge of their own guns; 14 by accidental firing of guns held by companions or by stray bullets; two were drowned and one died of exposure.

Maine furnished 15 victims; Massachusetts, 2; New Hampshire, 3; Vermont and Connecticut, 2; and Rhode Island, 1. In addition, more than 200 persons received serious injuries.

It is estimated that 10,000 deer, 300 moose and 100 bears were killed in the season.

JOHNSON WELCOMES A LIBEL SUIT

Chicago, Dec. 15.—President B. B. Johnson of the American League said last night that he would welcome a libel suit such as that threatened by the New York National club. The threatened suit grew out of charges brought by the head of the junior organization regarding ticket scalping at the recent world's series in New York.

"I hope the New York club carries out the threat," said Johnson, "for it would give me the needed opportunity to set the guilty individuals into court. I do not anticipate any action by the Gotham club, however."

After discussing the ticket scandal Johnson announced that the spring schedule meetings of the American league would continue as in former years. Recently the league chief favored a proposition to abandon this feature on the ground of its being unnecessary.

DOG CHIEF WITNESS FOR HIS MASTER

Macon, Mo., Dec. 15.—"King," a hunting dog, was the chief witness for the defense in a court trial here and his mute testimony won a verdict for his owner, Wm. Morgan. Morgan had been sued for damages on account of a dog bite. The plaintiff testified that Morgan's dog had bit him four teeth into his flesh and that a dime would cover the four holes made by the teeth.

"King" was introduced and his open mouth displayed to the jury to convince them that four of his teeth would cover an area much wider than a dime.

MURDER THEORY IS ADVANCED

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—That J. J. Thompson, who was buried in his home in Kansas City, Kan., Thursday night, was murdered is the theory advanced by the police of that city are working. An autopsy held by the coroner today revealed that Thompson had been bit in the head. An axe and a scale weight were found near the body. Mack Johnson and Mary Thompson, a woman who lived at Thompson's house are being held.

BACHELORS ARE TAXED

Unmarried Men Over Thirty Must Pay the Government

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The shining "pick-a-haube," the spiked helmet of the German soldier, will be replaced soon, probably by a lighter headgear without the "pick-a-haube" surface. Several models of new helmets have been tried by various detachments of the army recently, and, though none has been found to give complete satisfaction, the test will be continued. Two material changes may be expected in whatever style is chosen. There will be no polished spike at the top, nor will the helmet itself be polished, permitting the reflected rays of the sun to easily betray the position of the troops. At present this disadvantage is overcome, during maneuvers, by wrapping the helmet in canvas.

CUMMINS MAY GET OUT ON BAIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—William J. Cummins, convicted of the theft of \$10,000 in connection with the affairs of the defunct Carnegie Trust company, of which he was the directing head, was granted a certificate of reasonable doubt today by Supreme Court Justice Coahan, on the ground that he was examined before trial.

Cummins has been confined in the Tombs and now has an opportunity to ask for bail until his contention has been ruled upon by the appellate division of the supreme court. Joseph B. Reichmann, also convicted in connection with the affairs of the Carnegie Trust company, is enjoying liberty under the same conditions.

Justice Coahan upholds the argument in Cummins' behalf that "the defendant was compelled to submit himself to an examination before the trial at the hands of the district attorney under the compulsion process of court and under the threat of punishment for contempt of court."

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